

Northern Indiana—The Season, Harvest Prospects, &c.—Improvements, Mills, &c.—Chicago.

Correspondence of The Tribune.

SOUTH BEND, Ill. Joseph Co., Is., July 3, 1842.

Dear Sir:—Long before this reaches your office you will doubtless have heard many stories relative to the ruinous effects of the rust, smut, Hessian fly, Armyworm, frost, &c. upon the Wheat crop of the West, and in a very exaggerated shape within. This season, truly, has been remarkable for its cold weather, heavy snows, frequent frosts, and sudden changes; but notwithstanding all these unfavorable circumstances, the Wheat-fields look far better than could have been expected. Last week I spent four or five days in La Porte County, adjoining this, noted for its Peaties and large surpluses of Wheat, and every farmer I conversed with there thought the aggregate crop would be even *beyond the average*. So it is also in almost all Northern Indiana. Although some fields have been slightly damaged by smut, yet, generally speaking, it looks well; and if it passes through next week without being struck with the rust, the surplus from this section will be unparalleled.—Northern Indiana looks with the deepest interest to the prospect of the Wheat-crop. All classes, merchant as well as farmer, mechanic as well as miller, feel directly interested in its success or failure. While, on the one hand, its success would relieve this people from their debts, make money plentier, and business more brisk; on the other side, its failure would plunge them into a more embarrassed financial condition, and depress every branch of business. It is, indeed, almost our only dependence in the shape of Grain this year. The Oat crop looks well, but its low price renders the farmer for hiring laborers to harvest it. The Corn crop looks very unfavorable. Nearly all that the frost has not cut down, the Armyworm destroyed. I have seen within ten days forty or fifty fields which this scourge of the farmer has swept clean, and which must necessarily remain idle till next fall. The grass in meadows has also been destroyed by them, and these wrens of worms, like armies of men, have left every where desolation and ruin to mark the road they traveled. During the two or three weeks that their star was in the ascendant they did a vast amount of mischief; but their withering and destructive influence was seen most in Corn-fields and meadows. In Wheat-fields they usually contented themselves with trimming the stalks clean to the heads.

I wrote you, in my last letter, something about the improvements going on in this young and vigorous State, which a majority of your Eastern folks think is composed of a mixture of dense forests, impassable swamps, and uncultivated prairies, intersected with a few patches of arable land, where panthers and bears prowl in the suburbs of the towns, and wolves howl their mighty serenade in the door-yards; but with all I have told you or can tell, you cannot imagine fully, in all their variety, the rapid strides that the Hoosier State is making towards greatness and power. Even the manufacturing establishments of Northern Indiana would not suffer if placed in comparison with the Eastern. Our Adheres, Carding Machines, Distilleries, Furnaces, Forges, &c. I have spoken of in former letters, but I have not alluded to the Mills in this thriving Town of South Bend. J. D. DEFFREZ, Esq., owns two styles of the Kankakee Mills—one with two pairs of Bures, employed in custom work alone, the other in flouring. Both are propelled by water brought from the head waters of the Kankakee (a tributary of the Illinois) through a race four miles long, which, with the Mills, cost \$30,000. The Merchant Mill contains four pairs of Burrs, with most excellent machinery, finished off well, and can manufacture 1,000 barrels of Flour per week, running but 12 hours per day. The Flour has passed inspection in your city, and been pronounced of the first quality. Attached to the Mill is a machine for drying Corn, which dries 200 bushels per day, conveys it to the Mill, where it is converted into Indian Meal, and shipped to the Eastern cities. Fifteen hundred barrels have been forwarded this season. But this is only a commencement. As the times improves, the good citizens of this vicinity intend damming the St. Joseph River, upon the bank of which this Town is situated, and which is here 130 yards wide, with an average current of five miles hour. At this "Bend" the current is very swift, forming rapids, and 3 feet fall can be obtained. The dammed race will cost \$20,000, and the race is partly dug now. If this undertaking is ever completed there will be almost a boundless supply of water-power for every description of Machinery that can be used advantageously in the Western country.

The demonstrations in favor of HENRY CLAY throughout the Union are cheering indeed. In the West the Great Whig Party look to no other man but him as their candidate; to him who of all others deserves from his fellow citizens gratitude, confidence and esteem; to him who has never faltered nor shamed in the darkest hour—who has stood unshaken and fearless in the most trying crisis—who has always battled against Executive usurpation, and who, disregarding temporary popularity or transient time, has had for his sole aim his Country's welfare and prosperity; to him, who has remained faithful to his principles when fair-weather politicians quailed before the opposition arrayed against them—when obloquy and calumny were heaped upon him with an unsparring hand—when the vials of wrath were poured out upon his devoted head, and public foes and private enemies strove to blacken his character and mar his usefulness by base slanders and unfounded charges. He has served his country faithfully and ably, with a fearless and patriotic mind; and ever faithful as he has been to her, she bowed down as she is now with degradation, looks to him alone with confidence. It is no wonder that the shouts for Henry Clay, and him alone, are heard from all parts of the Union, and are echoing from the forests of Maine to the bayous of Louisiana, and from the everglades of Florida to the prairies of Iowa—that State after State, City after City, and County after County, are, at this early day, proclaiming that they will rally for him in 1844—that the enthusiasm in his favor is increasing and widening, and deepening every day, and that while the opposite party are divided among their aspirants to the Presidency, the whole Whig party looks to HENRY CLAY alone. When teachers in high places ride rough-shod over those principles which consecrated the Revolution of 1840, it is no time for gallant and true-hearted soldiers of that Revolution to repose upon their arms in inglorious ease. Nor will they do it. But, rallying around the stainless banner of HENRY CLAY of Kentucky, they will prove to the world again, as in 1840, that Republicans are not always ungrateful.

Truly yours,

S. C.

DISSOLUTION.—The Co-partnership between George J. Bryd and his son, A. B. Bryd, who are engaged in mercantile business, has been dissolved by mutual agreement. The affairs of the late firm will be settled by Geo. J. Bryd, who only is authorized to use the name of the firm in liquidating the accounts of the same.

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